

dar as per the preliminary investigation report of the Defence Department. The report has identified the officers in the Ministry of Defence as responsible for the irregularities. Ministry of Defence has not finalised the action to be taken against the persons referred to. A copy of the enquiry report has also been received by the Kendriya Bhandar and the matter is under examination.

Defence Expenditure

2098. SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence expenditure has been going down over the years;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) whether it has adversely affected India's Defence preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

National Service Scheme for College Students

2099. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to make National Service Scheme (NSS) compulsory for college students to involve them actively in community service in the rural areas;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) at what level of college classes, the

NSS is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Study of History and Philosophy of Ancient Sciences in Schools/Colleges

2100. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to include the study of 'history and philosophy of ancient sciences' in the schools/colleges curriculum at appropriate levels;

(b) whether books on such study have been made available; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Certain aspects of the development of science during different periods of Indian and World History have been included as part of the History curricula developed by the NCERT for various stages of school education. The Universities are free to prescribe their own curriculum for various courses.

(b) and (c). Certain sections dealing with the development of science during dif-

ferent periods of Indian and World History have been included in the History textbooks for Classes VIII, IX and XI published by the NCERT. These books are.—

- (i) Modern India: A History Textbook for Class VIII.
- (ii) The Story of Civilisation (Volume I): A History Textbook for Class IX.
- (iii) Ancient India : A History Textbook for Class XI.

Per-Capita Income/Investment in A & N Islands

2101. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the per capita investment and the

rate of increase in per-capita income in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the last three years, year-wise;

- (b) whether it is below the national average; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the per-capita investment and per-capita income of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the current Plan period?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c). While the estimates of per capita State Domestic Product for Andaman and Nicobar Islands are presently not available, per capita Plan outlay in comparison to the national average is indicated below:

Andaman & Nicobar Islands N a -
tional average of

	<i>Per capita Outlay</i>	<i>Per capita Expenditure</i>	<i>Outlay</i>	<i>Expenditure (Per Capita)</i>
1987-88	1920	1758	244	228
1988-89	2720	2572	258	243
1989-90	2941	2941	277	284

Production of MIG-21 MIG-27 In Soviet Collaboration

2102. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Soviet Aviation Industry Minister and the Indian Minister of State for Defence have discussed in regard to up-

grading production of MIG-21 and MIG-27 planes in India;

- (b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) There were no discussions between the Soviet Aviation Industry Minister and Indian Minister of State for Defence in regard to upgrading production of MIG-21 and MIG-27M planes in India.